

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus comprising:
a housing comprising a first side and a second side;
the first side and the second side being movable relative to one another
5 between a closed configuration and an open configuration;
the first side and the second side defining a cavity while the first side and
the second side are deposited in the closed configuration;
the cavity being dimensioned so that the cavity is capable of receiving a
portion of an implantable lead.
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2. The apparatus of claim 1, further including a plurality of electrical
contacts supported by the first side of the housing.
3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the contacts are axially spaced relative
15 to one another.
4. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein a contact tip of each electrical contact
is biased to extend into the cavity by a spring.
- 20 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first side of the housing defines a
first channel.
6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the first channel comprises a guiding
portion and a tapered portion.
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7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the guiding portion of the first channel
is positioned to be generally co-axially aligned with a lumen defined by an
implantable lead when a portion of the implantable lead is positioned in the first
channel.
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8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the guiding portion of the first channel
and the tapered portion of the first channel are dimensioned to allow a stylet to pass

through the housing while a portion of an implantable lead is positioned in the first channel.

5 9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second side of the housing defines a second channel.

10 10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the second channel comprises a guiding portion and a tapered portion.

15 11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the guiding portion of the second channel is positioned to be generally co-axially aligned with a lumen defined by an implantable lead when a portion of the implantable lead is positioned in the second channel.

20 12. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the guiding portion of the second channel and the tapered portion of the second channel are dimensioned to allow a stylet to pass through the housing while a portion of an implantable lead is positioned in the second channel.

25 13. The apparatus of claim 1, further including a hinge connecting the first side of the housing to the second side of the housing.

30 14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the hinge comprises a web of polymeric material.

 15. The apparatus of claim 1, further including a tab extending from the housing.

 16. The apparatus of claim 15, further including a sheet held against the tab by a clamp.

17. The apparatus of claim 1, further including an implantable lead disposed in the cavity.

18. The apparatus of claim 17, further including a stylet extending through the housing and into a lumen defined by the implantable lead.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, further including an electronic device electrically connected to the lead by a plurality of wires.

20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the electronic device comprises a pacemaker analyzer.

21. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the electronic device comprises a defibrillator analyzer.

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22. An apparatus, comprising:
the housing comprising a first side and a second side;
a latch member coupled to the second side of the housing;
the first side of the housing defining a depression dimensioned to receive a protrusion of the latch member;
the first side defining a first channel;
the second side defining a second channel;
the first channel and the second channel being dimensioned to receive at least a portion of an implantable lead while at least a portion of the protrusion is disposed in the depression.

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23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the latch member and the housing are dimensioned so that a thumb of a hand contacts the latch member while the housing is received in a palm of the hand.

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24. The apparatus of claim 22, further including a hinge connecting the first side of the housing to the second side of the housing.

25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the hinge comprises a web of polymeric material.

5 26. The apparatus of claim 22, further including a first electrical contact supported by the first side of the housing.

27. The apparatus of claim 26, further including a first wire extending between the first contact and an electronic device.

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28. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the electronic device comprises a pacemaker analyzer.

29. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the electronic device comprises a defibrillator analyzer.

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30. The apparatus of claim 22, further including a second electrical contact supported by the second side of the housing.

20 31. The apparatus of claim 30, further including a second wire extending between the second contact and an electronic device.

32. The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the electronic device comprises a pacemaker analyzer.

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33. The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the electronic device comprises a defibrillator analyzer.

34. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first channel comprises a guiding portion and a tapered portion.

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35. The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the guiding portion of the first channel is positioned to be generally co-axially aligned with a lumen defined by an implantable lead when a portion of the implantable lead is positioned in the first channel.

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36. The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the guiding portion of the first channel and the tapered portion of the first channel are dimensioned to allow a stylet to pass through the housing while a portion of an implantable lead is positioned in the first channel.

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37. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the second channel comprises a guiding portion and a tapered portion.

38. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the guiding portion of the second channel is positioned to be generally co-axially aligned with a lumen defined by an implantable lead when a portion of the implantable lead is positioned in the second channel.

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39. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the guiding portion of the second channel and the tapered portion of the second channel are dimensioned to allow a stylet to pass through the housing while a portion of an implantable lead is positioned in the second channel.

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40. The apparatus of claim 22, further including a tab extending from the housing.

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41. The apparatus of claim 40, further including a sheet held against the tab by a clamp.

42. The apparatus of claim 22, further including an implantable lead disposed in the cavity.

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43. The apparatus of claim 42, further including a stylet extending through the housing and into a lumen defined by the implantable lead.

44. An method, comprising the steps of:

5 providing an implantable lead comprising a connector;

electrically connecting an electronic device to at least one conductive surface of the connector of the lead;

inserting a stylet into a lumen defined by the implantable lead; and

repositioning a distal portion of the lead within a body while the lead is

10 electrically connected to the electronic device.